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Applicant: Bradley R. Stager

Group Art Unit: 3726

Serial No.: 10/789,268

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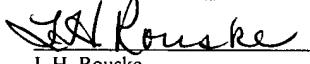
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AMENDMENT

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Greetings:

In the above referenced patent application, please accept the following Amendment corrected as to form as applied to the previously submitted Amendment of May 6, 2004.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey K. Cooper
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In the Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment

On page 10, first full paragraph, please amend the specification as follows:

Turning to another aspect of the invention, Figures 6, 9, 10 and 11 show dowel pins 48 extending from the base 40. Referring to Figure 12, the dowel pins 48 are slidingly disposed in dowel holes 50 in the base and extend into or through dowel holes 51 in the end plates 32. Bolts 45d (see also Figure 7) extend through the end plates 32 into holes 53 (Figure 6) in the base to hold the ring assembly together. The dowel pins are tight-fitting in the respective dowel holes, but are preferably slidingly movable therein by pressing or punching the pins with hand tools. The dowel holes extend deeply enough into the base that the dowel pins may be pressed or punched into the holes and wholly contained thereby, so that outer ends 49 of the dowel pins may be substantially flush with or beneath an outer end surfaces ~~51~~ 55 of the base. Accordingly, if the length of the dowel pins is "L₁," the depth of the dowel holes "L₂," is preferably at least as great as "L₁."

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Invention:

RING SLICER WITH EASILY REMOVABLE KNIFE AND KNIFE ASSEMBLY

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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